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1. FOLLOWING MY DISCUSSION WITH ADMINISTRATOR PARKER,
I HAVE MET WITH MISSION TEAM TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE
STATUS OF THE FIELD HOSPITAL. THIS CABLE IS TO INFORM
YOU OF THE MANNER IN WHICH I PROPOSE TO TERMINATE THE
OPERATIONS OF THE FIELD HOSPITAL. WE HAVE DISCUSSED
CURRENT AND FUTURE LEVELS OF OPERATION AS WELL AS ACTION
FOR THE MISTREATED; OUR MEDICAL ADVISORS DO NOT BELIEVE
THAT THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT VOLUME TO JUSTIFY CONTINUA-
TION OF THE HOSPITAL. WE HAVE ALSO DETERMINED THAT IN-
COUNTRY FACILITIES ARE ADEQUATE TO HANDLE THE NATURE OF
MEDICAL CASES PREVIOUSLY HANDLED BY THE FIELD HOSPITAL.
A SEPARATE CABLE WILL FOLLOW PROVIDING YOU WITH SUPPORTING
DATA ON OUR DECISION.

2. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MAJOR STEPS AND DECISIONS IN-
VOLVED IN THE PHASE OUT:

A. GIVEN THE CAPACITY OF THE GENERAL HOSPITAL NEAR
THE PRESENT SITE OF THE FIELD HOSPITAL AND THE POSSIBILITY
OF INCREASED WORKLOAD, TENTS, COTS, BLANKETS AND SOME
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MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE FIELD HOSPITAL WILL BE TURNED

OVER TO THIS FACILITY. IN SO DOING, WE FEEL THAT OUR ACTIVITIES ARE NOT BEING TOTALLY TERMINATED, PER SE, BUT ARE TO SOME EXTENT BEING MERGED INTO THOSE OF A NEARBY MEDICAL FACILITY.

B. RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES EXPENSIVE SOPHISTICATED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND THE WATER PURIFICATION UNITS.

C. LEAVE THE FIELD HOSPITAL VEHICLES IN GUATEMALA FOR THE TIME BEING IN THE EVENT THE GOG WILL NEED THIS TRANSPORTATION RESOURCE FOR THE FERRYING OF GRAIN, OTHER COMMODITIES, ETC. TO AREAS IN CRITICAL NEED. IN THE EVENT WE DECIDE TO USE THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE GUATEMALA CITY TO PUERTO BARRIOS HIGHWAY, THESE TRUCKS MAY BE NOT ONLY USEFUL BUT ALSO COST SAVING.

(FYI- THE GOG HAS IN-COUNTRY PARTS IF NEEDED FOR THE REPAIR OF THE FIELD HOSPITAL VEHICLES.)

CD. COMPLETE ALL REFERRALS AND TRANSFERS OF PATIENTS TO THE GENERAL HOSPITAL IN CHIMALTENANGO BY FEBRUARY 16.

E. BEGIN RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES BY FEBRUARY 17 PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THE FIELD HOSPITAL.

3. MAJOR CARTER WAS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE US WITH COST ESTIMATES OF PHASE-OUT OPTIONS; WE WOULD APPRECIATE ESTIMATES OF OUR PRESENT PROPOSAL. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE PRICE OPTIONS OF THE VEHICLES OF THE HOSPITAL UNIT WHICH INCLUDE: FOUR ONE QUARTER TONS WITH TRAILERS; ONE THREE QUARTER TON WITH TRAILER; TWELVE TWO AND A HALF TONS(TWO WITH 1500 GALLON WATER TANKS); FIVE THREE QUARTER TON AMBULANCES. IF IT IS TOO EXPENSIVE TO RETURN THESE VEHICLES TO THE STATES, THESE VEHICLES COULD BE USED TO GOOD ADVANTAGE IN OUR RURAL PROGRAMS. IN THE SHORT RUN, FOOD DISTRIBUTION WOULD BE OF PRIME USEAGE; IN THE LONG RUN THEY WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF OUR RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

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THE AMBULANCES WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN RURAL HEALTH PROGRAMS.

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